

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY

Mooliabeenee Road Reconstruction Project

The Shire's Operations construction crew has commenced the next phase of the reconstruction work on Mooliabeenee Road.

The project is expected to take 2-3 months to complete and delays may be expected while the works are in progress.

Traffic management is in place and we ask road users to take care when travelling on Mooliabeenee Road during this time, and to please respect safety direction and signage.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we get the work done.



Music in the Park

On Saturday, 6 January 2024 the Shire held it's annual Music in the Park event which forms part of the Summer Suite of Events. It was lovely to enjoy the sunset and cooling coastal breeze, with great tunes from the Summer Club Band and tasty treats from Red Dirt Catering and Back 2 The Grind.

Thank you to Bendigo Community Bank Gingin and Lancelin for supporting the Summer Suite of Events and making this great family event possible once again.



Community Funding Opening Soon!

The Shire's annual Community Funding Program will be opening for applications on **1 February 2024** for projects in the 2024/25 Financial Year.

If you have a new project/event or your project includes any upgrades to Shire owned facilities or construction on Shire owned land, please make sure you have a chat to our Community Development & Services team as soon as possible to ensure the necessary approvals are in place to allow you to submit your grant application.

Contact Amy via grants@gingin.wa.gov.au or on **9575 5162**.

To find out more visit:
gingin.wa.gov.au/funding-and-grants.



Protocols for Public Statement Time Trial

Commencing at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 20 February 2024, Council will trial the inclusion of Public Statement Time at Council meetings.

Currently all Council meetings include provisions for Public Question Time, which is a requirement under the *Local Government Act 1995*. However Public Question Time is reserved for questions only and does not allow for members of the public to make statements on matters of interest unless they are a brief preface to provide context to a question. For that reason, Council has agreed to include a period of time for public statements at Council meetings on a trial basis.

Protocols have been established for Public Statement Time and these are available on the Council Meetings page of the Shire's website.

Annual Meeting of Electors

Notice is given that the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Gingin will be held on Tuesday, 6 February 2024 commencing at 5pm.

The venue for the meeting will be the Granville Civic Centre, Weld Street, Gingin.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:

1. The contents of the 2022/23 Annual Report for the Shire of Gingin; and
2. Any other general business.

The 2022/23 Annual Report is available from the Shire's website gingin.wa.gov.au and hard copies can be obtained upon request from the Shire's Gingin Administration Centre and Lancelin Office.

Save the Dates!

South 32 Rottnest Channel Virtual Swim - Saturday, 24 February 2024, 8:00am - 6:00pm, Gingin Aquatic Centre

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For more information on events in the Shire, please go to the Events Calendar on gingin.wa.gov.au.

If you have a community event to promote in the Shire, please email our Community Development Officer at cdo@gingin.wa.gov.au and we will include it on our Events Calendar and promote it on our Facebook page.

Council Decisions

The following decisions were made by Council at the Shire's January Ordinary Council Meeting:

- Shire of Gingin 2022/2023 Annual Report - *Adopted*.
- Proclamation of Lot 361 Brockman Street and Lot 346 Cairn Crescent, Gingin as a Cemetery - *Adopted*.
- Statutory review of Policy 1.33 Continuing Professional Development - Council Members - *Adopted*.
- Determination of Date for 2023/2024 Annual General Meeting of Electors to be Tuesday, 6 February 2024 - *Adopted*.

In addition, 2 other items were presented to/deliberated by Council.

More information on the decisions from this Council meeting can be found in the Meeting Minutes which are available for viewing at gingin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings, or in person upon request at either the Gingin Administration Centre or Lancelin Office.

Firebreak Maintenance Reminder

In view of the recent fires throughout the Shire, property owners are reminded that firebreaks need to be maintained until 31 May annually as per the Shire's Firebreak Orders.

During the busy summer months, it is essential to keep an eye on your firebreaks and continue maintaining them throughout the hot, dry months of the Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods.

If you need assistance with maintaining your firebreaks, you can find a list of firebreak contractors in your Fire Break Orders which were posted out with your Rates in October 2023. Alternatively, you can download a copy from our website gingin.wa.gov.au.

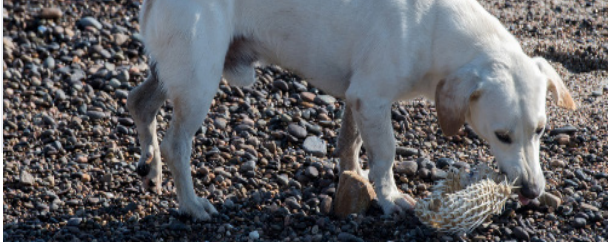


Advice for Pet Owners - Dead Blowfish on Beaches

DPIRD has advised that high temperatures, low tides, shallow water, and decomposing sea wrack may have resulted in low dissolved oxygen levels, leading to blowfish deaths on local beaches within the Shire.

Pet owners should take particular care to prevent pets from eating the washed-up blowfish. Blowfish toxicity can be life-threatening to pets, therefore immediate veterinary attention should be sought if you notice your pet having contact with or eating a blowfish.

Please immediately report fish kills to DPIRD via the FishWatch 24/7 reporting service on 1800 815 507 so they can follow up.



Sponsor in Focus - VIMG Lancelin South

Thank you for supporting the Shire's Early Rates Incentive Scheme

VIMG is an Australian-based property development and real estate investment company principally engaged in the development and sale of properties, and real estate investment including trading and leasing of land or properties in Australia.

VIMG's property development projects include the development and sale of residential or retail units which are spread across the CBDs and surrounding areas of targeted Australian capital cities for the Group, such as Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. One of VIMG's largest on-going projects is at Lancelin where 680 ha of land will be reimagined into a community coastal town full of activities.

